

STATE ROUTE 1 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT PURPOSE AND HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware State Route 1 (Coastal Highway) is a transportation link of regional and local importance. It serves the Delaware beach resorts including Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach, and Fenwick Island, while at the same time serving as an arterial for local residents and commuter traffic. Due to the increasing commercial growth along the corridor, pedestrian mobility demand is increasing. In December 2004, DelDOT prepared a Sidewalk Inventory and Needs Assessment that extended from the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal to Five Points (US 9). This assessment identified the need for pedestrian improvements along the SR 1 corridor.

The purpose of this project is to provide safe, continuous pedestrian facilities along each side of SR 1 from the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal to the Nassau Bridge that meet ADA standards.

Some of the project highlights include:

- Continuous 5' wide sidewalk along both sides of SR 1 from the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal to the Nassau Bridge to provide a safe, accessible pedestrian route. A 3' wide grass buffer will be included where feasible to provide an additional offset for pedestrians from vehicular traffic.
- Traffic signal modifications to allow for safe pedestrian crossings of SR 1 and associated side roads at select locations.
- Application of striping and signing to increase awareness of pedestrian crossings.
- Limited right-of-way acquisition to install improvements.